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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON FLIGHT PROCEDURES FOR
BERLIN TRAFFIC

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1. EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS MEASURED APPROACH OUTLINED
REF B, PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS IT DOES NOT INDICATE
UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS EVEN TECHNICAL MATTERS IN THE
BASC FORUM. WE BELIEVE SUCH AN EXPRESSED UNWILLINGNESS
WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF ALLIED HOPES TO USE
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BASC LATER FOR TALKS INVOLVING LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO THE

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BCZ.

2. WE ALSO SUPPORT PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 5, REF B THAT ALLIED CHIEF CONTROLLERS SIMPLY AGREE TO REPORT SOVIET REMARKS AT NEXT MEETING TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. IN THE FUTURE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR ALLIED CONTROLLERS NOT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS IN BASC ON SPECIFIC TECHNICAL MATTERS BEFORE REFERRING TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALLIES COULD, IN ADDITION TO LISTENING TO THE SOVIETS ON TEMPELHOF APPROACH VOR 27 L, ALSO OFFER TO CONSIDER SOVIET POINT ON MANSBACH BEACON TIMES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXPEDIENT TO ADVANCE THE BARTCC-SCHOENEFELD LINK IN THE FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH SOVIETS IN BASC, AS WLL AS ANY ALTERATIONS IN EASTERN ATC PRACTICES WE MAY WISH TO SEEK. DISCUSSION OF THE LINK IN THIS FRAMEWORK WOULD PROVIDE ALLIES WITH TACTICAL ADVANTAGE OF HAVING SOMETHING TO OFFER WHEN ASKING SOVIETS FOR SOMETHING. IT WOULD ALSO REMOVE THIS COMPLICATING FACTOR FROM UPCOMING TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO BCZ.
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